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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MA, PGOV, PINS, PINT

SUBJECT: REPORTED ASSASSINATION OF NEW MALAGASY CHIEF OF  
STATE

1. AFTER REPLACING THE FORMER MALAGASY HEAD OF GOVERNMENT  
IN A PEACEFUL TRANSITION ON FEBRUARY 5 LT. COL. RICARD  
RATSIMANDRAVA REPORTEDLY WAS ASSASSINATED ON FEBRUARY 11.  
UNCONFIRMED PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT RATSIMANDRAVA'S  
CAR WAS SHOT AT AS HE RETURNED HOME FROM WORK. OUR EMBASSY  
HAS INFORMED US THAT IT HAS RECEIVED A REPORT FROM A  
RELIABLE SOURCE THAT RATSIMANDRAVA WAS KILLED. THE SAME  
SOURCE STATES THAT THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MET LATER IN  
THE EVENING TO NAME A SUCCESSOR. NO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT  
EITHER OF THE REPORTED ATTACK OR OF RATSIMANDRAVA'S DEATH  
HAS BEEN MADE.

2. WE WILL BE SENDING AN ADDITIONAL REPORT, INCLUDING AN  
ASSESSMENT, IF RATSIMANDRAVA'S DEATH IS CONFIRMED. INGERSOLL

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